

WORKER'S RIGHTS; COLOMBIAN VIOLENCE AGAINST LABOR

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Examining Workers' Rights and Violence Against Labor Union Leaders in Colombia. Testimony was heard from Jose Nirio Sanchez, former special court judge for labor-homicide cases, Colombia; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices, Under the Workforce Investment Act. Testimony was heard from Stephen Wooderson, Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on The Climate Challenge: National Security Threats and Economic Opportunities. Testimony was heard from R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Financial Services: Approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

U.S.-NORTH KOREA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Smart Power: Remaking U.S. Foreign Policy in North Korea. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Pritchard, former Ambassador and Special Envoy for Negotiations with North Korea, Department of State; and public witnesses.

POSTWAR GAZA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Gaza After the War: What Can Be Built on the Wreckage? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LIBEL TOURISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Libel Tourism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAL ASH RECLAMATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND SAFETY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 493, Coal Ash Reclamation, Environment, and Safety Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from John R.

Craynon, Chief, Division of Regulatory Support, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

TRAINING AND EQUIPPING AFGHAN SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Training and Equipping Afghan Security Forces: Unaccounted Weapons and Strategic Challenges. Testimony was heard from Charles Michael Johnson, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Thomas Gimble, Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009." The rule provides 90 minutes of debate on the conference report.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the conference report except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report. Finally, the rule provides on motion to recommit, if applicable. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on an Overview of Transportation R&D: Priorities for Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from David Wise, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Amadeo Saenz, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Texas; Paul Brubaker, former Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H. R. 608, "Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2009;" H.R. 813, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United